(v) Inter-ministerial co-ordination and interaction.

(vi) Emphasis on preparation of realistic project implementation plan and estimates.

(vii) Periodic review by the Committee of Secretaries of specific projects.

(viii) Timely approval of revised cost estimate and funding of the gap with increased budgetary support, internal resources and extra-budgetary resources.

Delay in Core Sector Projects

1867. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some vital core sector projects are suffering from steep cost and time overrun thus going down in the priority list;

(b) if so, what are the projects thus affected; and

(c) the moves made to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Some core sector projects have undergone cost and time overrun. This does not, however, per se affect their priority.

(c) The steps taken in general to improve the situation are as follows:

(i) Intensive monitoring of project by the project authorities and the Department of Programme Implementation through Monthly/Quarterly Monitoring System.

(ii) Indepth periodical review of progress by Administrative Ministries and constant pressure on the project authorities for expeditious completion.

(iii) Setting up of Tasks Force/Empowered Committees for speedy finalisation of contract packages, solving land acquisition and other problems.

(iv) Close follow up by concerned Ministries and Project Authorities with the State Governments, equipment suppliers, contractors, consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays.

(v) Inter-ministerial co-ordination and interaction.

(vi) Emphasis on prepartion of realistic project implementation plan and estimates.

(vii) Periodic review by the Committee of Secretaries on specific projects.

(viii) Timely approval of revised cost estimate and fund the gap with increased budgetary support, internal resources and extra-budgetary resources.

Co-operation of NGOs in Poverty Eradication

1868. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an action plan has been finalised for poverty eradication in co-operation with Non-Governmental Organisations and a Notification has been issued allocating funds for the various Government departments;

(b) if so, the full details thereof and a copy be laid on the Table of the House;

(c) whether Government have also received report of the task force set up to streamline the scope and code and conduct of Voluntary organisations; and

(d) if so, the main recommendations of the task force and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. There is no action plan which has been finalised for poverty eradication in co-operation with NGOs. Neither there is any notification allocating funds for the various Government Departments. However, after a meeting held in March, 1994 an action plan to bring about a collaborative relationship between voluntary organisations and Government has been finalised.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has not received any report of the task force to streamline the scope and code and conduct of voluntary organisations.

(d) Does not arise.

Assistance for Greater Bombay City

1869. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to allocate an amount of Rs. 1000 crores specially from the Central Assistance Fund under the Special Assistance Plan during the Eighth Five Year Plan to solve the basic problems of the city of Greater Bombay;